

I am concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's announced decision to require their local television stations to air "Stolen Honor," an anti-Kerry "documentary," a few days before the upcoming presidential election. This is clearly an attempt by this corporation to broadcast partisan propaganda to unfairly influence the democratic process.

This is an excellent example of the dangers posed by the media consolidation and the elimination of the fairness doctrine.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated to serve the public interest in doing so. In forcing its local stations to broadcast a biased and unsubstantiated personal attack on one major presidential candidate, Sinclair is clearly not serving the public interest. The FCC should take action to block Sinclair's attempted propagandizing, or at the least, require it to give equal time to opposing views, such as by also airing a pro-Kerry film such as "Going Upriver."